

# CHARITON COURIER.

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MAN WAS MADE TO HUSTLE.

TERMS: \$50 A YEAR IF PAID IN ADVANCE.  
IF NOT PAID IN ADVANCE, \$52.50.

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## CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Regular April, 1897. Term at Keytesville.

In addition to the proceedings published in the last issue of the COURIER, the following cases have been passed upon up to this (Friday) morning:

### CIVIL CASES.

D. D. Knight vs. Wm. McConnell, appeal; jury waived. Trial by court, and judgment for defendant.

E. J. and D. H. Ballew vs. George Robertson et al, equity; order of reference renewed and cause continued.

Chas. E. Sutton vs. T. Butler, appeal; by agreement, judgment for plaintiff as per written order filed by defendant.

W. S. Wyatt vs. Fred Hahne, appeal; jury waived. Trial by court, and judgment for plaintiff for possession of property sued for. Damages assessed at one cent.

Mary F. Nichols vs. J. A. Merchant et al, appeal; rule on justice to send up perfect transcript, and cause continued.

Frank Poyer vs. Oliver McDonnell, ejectment; continued by agreement.

Isabella Paynter vs. Jasper N. Gaines, ejectment; continued.

Thos. Kitchen vs. F. P. Buffington, appeal; trial by jury, and verdict for plaintiff for \$33.

Keytesville Lumber Co. vs. Robt. Lambert, suit on note; judgment by default for plaintiff for \$111.93 with eight per cent interest.

Carrie Ford, col. vs. Cary Ford, col., divorce; plaintiff divorced upon payment of costs, and granted care and custody of her minor child, Mary Helen Ford.

Lula Ferguson vs. Sterling Ferguson, divorce; plaintiff divorced upon payment of costs, and granted care and custody of her four children.

Lottie Ward vs. Clark Ward, divorce dismissed by plaintiff.

Annie Burton vs. Marion Burton, divorce; plaintiff divorced upon payment of costs, and granted care and custody of her child, Nannie.

Zella Winn vs. Lon F. Winn, divorce; plaintiff divorced upon payment of costs, and granted care and custody of her minor child, Maureen Winn.

J. T. Bunton vs. Ella R. Bunton, divorce; plaintiff divorced upon payment of costs.

Chariton county vs. L. D. Hyde et al, suit to enforce vendor's lien; judgment by default against L. D. Hyde and B. G. Willett for \$75 with eight per cent interest from this date. Vendor's lien enforced against all defendants, and land described ordered sold.

Chariton county vs. L. D. Hyde, W. E. Hyde and B. G. Willett, suit to enforce vendor's lien; judgment by default against L. D. Hyde and B. G. Willett for \$189.84 with eight per cent interest from this date. Vendor's lien enforced against all defendants, and land described ordered sold.

M. H. Holcomb vs. Marshall Baker et al, suit on note; judgment by default for plaintiff for \$214.91 with eight per cent interest.

The Otto Gas Engine works vs. James and John Bushnell, suit in replevin; plaintiff takes non-suit.

L. H. Herring vs. W. P. Riley et al, suit on note; judgment by default for plaintiff for \$324.75 with 10 per cent interest.

People's Bank of Salisbury vs. David Gooch et al, suit on note; judgment by default for plaintiff for \$1,086.04 with eight per cent interest.

Elizabeth Haines et al vs. Mary S. Hayward et al, partition; John P. Shaughnessy appointed guardian *ad litem* for John, Minnie, Joseph, Arta, Peter and Lottie Prewitt.

James Wren vs. L. F. Nordmeyer et al, suit to set aside deed; alias summons for all defendants, and cause continued.

S. A. Richeson vs. T. F. Foster et al, suit on note; plaintiff takes non suit with leave to withdraw note.

J. W. Phelps vs. city of Salisbury, damages; mistrial, jury failing to agree, and cause continued. This is the case

in which Mr. Phelps brought suit against the city of Salisbury for \$10,000 for injuries received by falling on a defective sidewalk in that city in October, 1894, resulting in the amputation of his left leg between the knee and thigh.

In the matter of the assignment of A. J. Milford. Moses Jones, assignee. assignment; assignee ordered to distribute eight per cent, and cause continued with notice for final settlement at next term.

N. F. Haworth vs. James Shaughnessy, debt; continued.

B. F. Drew vs. A. L. Welch, appeal; trial by jury, and verdict for defendant.

### CRIMINAL CASES.

State of Missouri vs. Frank M. Stone, embezzlement; *nolle prosequi*. The defendant in this case was charged with embezzling \$316.40 from the Singer Manufacturing Co. while acting as its agent at Salisbury in October, 1893. The costs in the case amount to something over \$150.

Same vs. John Anderson, appeal; *nolle prosequi*. This is the case growing out of Anderson's having resisted, opposed and assaulted Constable S. F. Fry, constable of Salt Creek township, while the constable was endeavoring to arrest Jennie Tracy and Nora Thousal, two ladies of color, for disturbing the peace at a picnic in Salt Creek township on the 28th day of August, 1894. The defendant was first arraigned in 'Squire James Shaughnessy's court at Newhall, but took a change of venue to 'Squire A. F. Wood's court at Mendon, where he was tried by jury, found guilty and fined \$25 and costs. Feeling aggrieved by the verdict, Anderson took an appeal to the circuit court at Keytesville with the result already given above.

Same vs. Lou McCollum, appeal; continued on application and at cost of defendant. McCollum is charged with assaulting Henry Payton, near Eccles, on the 21st of August, 1896. McCollum was tried by jury in Justice Newbold's court at Salisbury, found guilty and fined \$5 and costs, but took an appeal to circuit court.

Same vs. James Moxley, selling liquor illegally; continued on application and at cost of defendant. Moxley is a resident of Mussel Fork township.

Same vs. Harry Eidson, carrying concealed weapons; trial by jury before Capt. O. F. Smith, defendant found guilty, and his punishment fixed at a fine of \$50 and costs. Eidson didn't have the necessary amount of cash to liquidate and was sent to jail where he will tarry for the next 70 days. Young Eidson hails from near Guthridge Mills.

Same vs. J. T. Oliver, appeal; defendant waives formal arraignment and pleads not guilty. Trial by jury and verdict of guilty. Punishment assessed at a fine of \$2. Oliver was tried by jury in Justice J. T. Robinson's court at Westville on the 16th of last September for disturbing the peace of S. W. Smith on August 31st, 1895, found guilty and fined \$10.50 and costs, whereupon he appealed to the circuit court. In default of payment of his fine and costs he was lodged in jail yesterday at noon.

### Moore's Furniture Store.

If you want the very latest designs in all kinds of carpets, matting, window shades and picture moldings, call on J. P. Moore, the one-price furniture house, north of the Bank of Keytesville. New goods now coming in. Everything in the furniture and undertakers' line at prices that defy competition. All kinds of repair work done on short notice. Don't fail to call and examine my goods whether you want to buy or not. Probably there is something you will need in my line later on. Be sure to see my assortment of carpets and window shades. They are strictly up to date.

J. P. MOORE,

Keytesville, Mo.

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Is a dangerous thing to tackle if you are not posted on what to steer clear of. Our clothes line is SAFE to run against, even in the dark. It's SAFE because we MAKE IT SO. Did you ever hear of any one who didn't get his full money's worth from our clothes line? Did you ever hear of any man who got anything from us that was not as we represented it to be? You are perfectly safe in running against our Colored Bosom Shirts at 50c and \$1.00 and our Pioneer Make Suspenders at 15c, 25c and 50c, because they're good.  
Suits to order \$10 and up. Pants \$3 and up. All guaranteed or money refunded.  
**HERBERT WHITE,**  
**MEN'S FURNISHER.**  
KEYTESVILLE, MO.  
N. B. See our new line of neckwear.

### Corruption of the Ballot.

Brunswick's two Republican papers, the *News* and the *Republican*, make some ugly charges concerning the purchase of votes for school directors at the recent school election at that place, but neither of the editors possesses the grit to give names. According to the *News*, "it was said that votes were purchased by both sides," while the *Republican* charges the crookedness to "the Ring," and offers to furnish the authorities sufficient evidence to establish the guilt of the civil-doers.

The Salisbury *Democrat* also complains of the corrupt methods employed at the late city election in that city, which adds good Democratic evidence as to the pollution of voters.

The COURIER knows nothing concerning the truth or falsity of these charges, and is in favor of Brunswick and Salisbury washing their own dirty linen, but if they are true, the next grand jury and the prosecuting attorney have a duty to perform that they should discharge unflinchingly, and "how to the line let the chips fall where they may."

The corruption of the ballot is a menace to the free institutions of this country, and its purity should be protected at any cost, else our boasted civilization and American freedom become a fabulous narrative.

Section one of the corrupt practice act, Session Acts of 1893, after defining bribery in all its phases in five clauses, declares the same to be felonies, punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than two or more than five years, and further provides that the offender shall forfeit \$500, with costs of suit, to any person who shall sue for the same in the name of the state in any circuit court having jurisdiction of the person of the defendant.

Section two, same act, provides that the person bribed shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than one month or more than one year.

The time, it would seem, is now ripe, if the purity of the elective franchise is to be maintained, that an example were being made of some vile polluter of the ballot-box. Let it be done.

### Shooting Scrape at Dalton.

Dalton was all agog with excitement last Tuesday morning about 9 o'clock over a shooting affray which occurred at that place. The notorious Bates Johnson was the target, and G. W. Rutledge, a Dalton liveryman, was the man who did the shooting.

It seems that Rutledge and Johnson had some words on Monday night, but no blows were exchanged. The bad blood, however, was still boiling on Tuesday morning, and when Johnson and Rutledge met over near the depot the quarrel of the night previous was renewed.

Reports are conflicting as to whether Johnson picked up a rock first or whether Rutledge first threw his pistol, but at all events, Rutledge beat a retreat with Johnson, rock in hand, in pursuit. Rutledge ran north across the street and at a point near the rear of W. A. Kraxberger's store turned west. When he got about in front of Fritz Schwartz' lot, on when Mr. Schwartz' shoemaker shop was burned some six weeks ago, Rutledge turned, facing east, and shot at Johnson three times, but neither of the shots took effect. Rutledge's pistol snapped twice, and when it failed to respond, Johnson charged on Rutledge and threw the rock at him, but it failed to come in contact with Rutledge's corpus. Rutledge, in the mean time, had again taken to his legs and soon found shelter in his livery stable.

No arrests have been reported up to the time of going to press. It is thought, however, the trouble is not yet ended, and that the prospects for some undertaker to have a job in the no distant future are first-class. Johnson has been conducting himself rather respectably for some time, and we regret that he has again appeared before the public in an unenviable light.

### Alex. Taylor Sees the Air-Ship.

The imagination, worked upon by much reading in the daily papers concerning the air-ship that some weeks ago first made its appearance to the people of Kansas, has finally revealed that wonderful aerial inhabitant to one of our own citizens. It was seen by Alex. Taylor Tuesday night at a quarter to ten o'clock at a point a little north of west and about "fifty yards above the horizon." The beholder judged it to have been distant about 75 miles. To be exact about this matter Mr. Taylor did not see the outlines of the ship itself, or the black belly-band the citizens of Salisbury saw on Monday night, but simply a bright, white light. That the light really moved Mr. Taylor demonstrated by taking the roof of his wood-shed for a marker. The light gradually went out of sight behind the wood shed and finally disappeared altogether. He thinks he couldn't have mistaken Venus for the headlight of an air-ship, because the clouds at the time obscured the planet from observation.

We are willing to vouch for the good reputation for truth and veracity of the witness, and are informed that he never drinks anything stronger than Charlie Thrash's mineral water.

LATER, via St. Louis *Republic*: The air-ship was also seen Tuesday evening at Sherman, Ill., proceeding in a northerly direction, and still later was busted, judging by the "dull thud" in the vicinity of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Senator Mackay failed to secure the appointment as matron of the Fulton Lunatic asylum at the election Tuesday night. Mrs. Ann Gordon was continued for another year in that position, which she has held for the past ten years.

### Church Dedication.

The new Christian church at Keytesville will be dedicated on the first Sunday in May. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by Eld. T. A. Abbott of Louisiana, Mo. On the Monday previous to the dedication Eld. R. L. Wilson, formerly of Miami, Saline county, but now of Richmond, Mo., will commence a protracted meeting and will be assisted in the services by Eld. Abbott on and after Tuesday evening, April 27th. All are cordially invited to attend both the protracted meeting and the dedication.

### Wedding Bells.

WRIGHT-JONES.—Mr. Henry Wright and Miss Belle Jones, both of near Scribner school-house, were married on Thursday morning, April 15th, while seated in a buggy in front of the residence of the officiating justice of the peace, H. A. Wheeler, in Keytesville. Now that the bride and bridegroom are both "sure they are Wright, they should go ahead," and "as Wright wrongs nobody," the COURIER takes pleasure in extending congratulations.

### Wood Work Shop.

Charlie Schell has bought out the wood work department at the Jno. P. Tippet shops, and he is now soliciting the patronage of the general public and prepared promptly and in the best manner to turn out any kind of work in that line. Mr. Schell has been too long and favorably known by our people to need any formal introduction. He is a skilled workman in his line, universally liked by all who know him and will command a liberal share of patronage. We wish him success in his undertaking and bespeak for him from the friends of the COURIER a liberal share of their work.

### Letter List.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Keytesville, Mo. post-office, April 16th, 1897:

Jimmie Agee,  
J. A. Adams,  
Mrs. S. E. L. Bush,  
Carlos Horton,  
W. A. Lezhe,  
Samuel Marshall,  
Mrs. Ella Rubin,  
George Wakal,  
Fronger Wind.  
When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

JNO. CHIVERS, P. M.

### Fair Warning.

Everybody is hereby notified that stock of any description found running at large will be placed in the city pound, and will not be permitted to come out thence, except upon payment of all legal fees. A warning to prudent persons is sufficient.

L. A. EMBREE,  
City Marshal.

The six-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith of three and one-half miles northeast of town is very sick from tonsillitis and whooping cough.

### Another Election for Keytesville Village School.

The Keytesville village school board has made an order submitting to a vote of the people a proposition to increase the tax levy to 80 cents on the \$100 valuation, the amount of the levy for last year. The election will be held Saturday, May 1st. This increase is absolutely necessary in order to maintain an eight months' school. Our public school is now the boast of our citizens, and we trust the voters will reverse the verdict of April 6th. It would be a disgrace to our intelligence and public spirit to have a four months' school in our district. Such action would do us more lasting harm than war, famine or pestilence.

### The Electric Cake Beater.

Mrs. Rebecca Wicks of Keytesville is meeting with splendid success in canvassing for the Electric Cake Beater, and on Tuesday morning sent off an order for five dozen to be delivered at this place. By the use of this labor-saving invention all of the ingredients for a cake are mixed and beaten together all at once and in about three minutes, less than 1-20th of the time required by the old way of cake-taking. The Electric Cake Beater not only does its work quickly but perfectly. No kitchen is complete without one. Mrs. Wicks will canvass Salisbury next week and has appointed Miss Hattie Corby to canvass Brunswick. Mrs. Wicks has the agency for both Chariton and Howard counties.

### Keytesville's New Mayor.

The Howard County *Advertiser* has the following to say concerning A. G. Knaus, who everlastingly did us up for mayor of this city on Tuesday of last week:

"Mayor A. G. Knaus! How does it sound? The many friends and acquaintances of A. G. Knaus, who is so well known in Fayette and Howard county, will learn with pleasure that he has been elected mayor of the city of Keytesville, of which he and his estimable family are now residents. He got almost three votes to all the others combined, which speaks volumes for Ab., and his friends in Fayette join the *Advertiser* man in extending congratulations to Keytesville's new mayor, Hon. A. G. Knaus."

### A Correction.

In the issue of the COURIER of March 19th, through an error in copying the petition, we stated that one of the grounds upon which Mrs. Annie Burton, nee Stewart of Salt creek township, asked a divorce from her husband, Marion Burton, was that he had charged her with committing adultery with a man named Douglass while the plaintiff and defendant were living in Gilliam, Saline county. The charge, however, in the petition is that defendant committed adultery with a woman named Douglass while he and Mrs. Burton resided at Gilliam. We cheerfully make this correction in justice to Mrs. Burton, and are very sorry, indeed, that the error occurred.